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Bike share shifts gear

CYCLING

Major changes, expansion planned for spring

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

Toronto's Bike Share program is about to get a serious tune-up that may include selling it off and starting from scratch.

New equipment is expected to hit streets this spring, and officials at the Toronto Parking Authority won't release exact details until later this month. But users can at least look forward to mobile payment technology — with the potential for Presto card integration — and the ability to lock bikes up near stations if they're full, said Marie Casista, the parking authority's vice-president of real estate, development and marketing.

New stations are also planned outside the downtown core and near major transit hubs.

The parking authority started accepting proposals last year from companies interested in handling the overhaul. None of what's been received has been made public, but the authority set specific requirements for anyone looking to get involved, Casista said. The ability to offer mobile payment options was among them.

"The equipment we use currently was supplied by BIXI and it's no longer available. So for us to expand we needed to find a company we can work with over the long term," she said.

Since BIXI first landed in Toronto in 2011, bike-sharing technology has changed gears. When Hamilton launched its Sobi bike program last year, for example, it opted for newer "smart bike" technology that eschews the bulky docks associated with BIXI in favour of on-board payment and GPS systems.

The newer bikes were less costly to roll out, allowing Sobi to expand its coverage, and have been a hit with riders. The service already boasts 25 per cent more members than Toronto Bike Share. Toronto's bike share, which was absorbed by the parking authority after BIXI went bankrupt in 2014, has been slower to change.

The latest expansion — which doesn't have a dollar figure yet — will be helped by a $4.9-million investment from the province and Metrolinx.

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The original cost of Toronto's bike share infrastructure, which now includes 1,000 bicycles and 80 docks. It's expected to be worth much less today.

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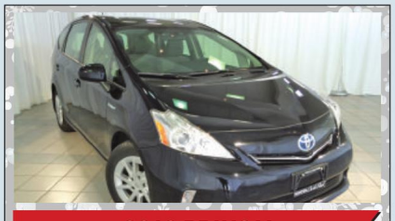

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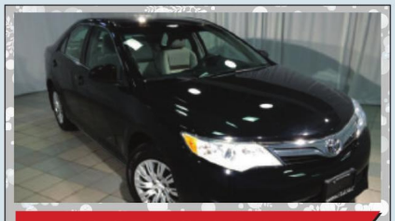

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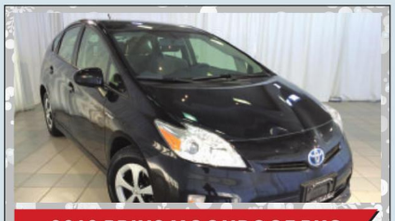

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CRIME

Wanted: Tunnel Rat, Bubbles, Whiskers

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Toronto police's most wanted list now includes a trio of bank-robbing bandits with nicknames worthy of the Three Stooges.

Police released security camera images Thursday of three men accused of holding up a combined 11 banks in separate incidents last year. They've dubbed the suspects Bubbles, Whiskers and Tunnel Rat.

Most of the robberies were allegedly committed by the Tunnel Rat, who was presumably named for his penchant for fleeing to the subway after each heist. Police believe he may be responsible for eight different bank robberies between Jan. 6 and March 11 of last year. Four happened along the Danforth, police said.

A $10,000 reward is being offered by the Canadian Bankers Association for information leading to his arrest.

Bubbles was allegedly involved in a March 4 robbery at a bank near Dundas and Bay streets.

Whiskers sports a "well-trimmed" moustache and beard and is believed to have robbed two banks: one near Dupont Street and Symington Avenue on May 7 and a second at Steeles and Bathurst streets Oct. 19. After each heist, the suspect got into a waiting taxi, police said.

In all cases, the suspects entered the bank, presented a note to a teller demanding cash and indicated they had a gun.

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1 Whiskers — This alleged robber boasted immaculate facial hair.

2 Bubbles — If you squint, this suspect does kind of look like Mike Smith's Bubbles character from Trailer Park Boys. We think it's the glasses.

3 Tunnel rat — Police did not comment on whether the sunglasses hid a pair of beady little eyes.

Toronto nabs nod on list of hot spots

TOURISM

New York Times says T.O is a city to visit this year

Angela Mullins
Metro | Toronto

The 6ix is ready for its closeup, according to the New York Times at least.

Toronto's front and centre — well, it's more like seventh — on the Times' list of 52 places to visit in 2016.

So, why all the attention in a grouping that includes far-flung places like Malta, Abu Dhabi, Dublin and Barcelona?

Writer David Shaftel puts it this way: "Toronto is remaking itself as Canada's premier city, quietly slipping out of the shadow of Montreal and Vancouver."

Citing the redevelopment of Queens Quay as "part of the largest continuing urban revitalization project in North America," Shaftel goes on to brag about the waterfront's new bike and pedestrian paths linking "green spaces and promenades that will be full of public art."

He mentions the UP Express as another plus, noting the way it "whisks travelers downtown from the airport in 25 minutes." The Junction is noted as our "most stylish neighbourhood," with plenty of bars, live music and coffee shops.

As for culture, Shaftel gives a nod to the Toronto International Film Festival, which marks 41 years in September. Plus, the NBA All-Star game, coming to the Air Canada Centre in February, adds to our sport prowess in 2016, Shaftel says.

The only other Canadian mention on the list — compiled each year by Times editors with an eye toward places that have something new and interesting to offer — is the Southern Gulf Islands near Vancouver.

Mexico City took the top spot in the ranking.

New parks and paths along the waterfront are among the reasons Toronto was named to the New York Times' list of 52 places to visit in 2016. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

NOT TO BRAG, BUT...

It's not the first time Toronto has been toasted. Recent mentions include The Economist (best place to live), Metropolis (most livable city in the world) and The Citi Foundation (best city for young people).

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Father found guilty of first-degree murder

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Victim's body was found in a suitcase 21 years ago

Everton Biddersingh, accused of torturing his daughter Melonie for four years, then killing her by drowning or by starving until her 17-year-old body weighed the same as an eight-year-old's, was found guilty of first-degree murder Thursday after seven hours of jury deliberations.

The verdict comes 21 years after Melonie's unidentified body was found in a smouldering suitcase in an industrial parking lot on Sept. 1, 1994. An autopsy revealed 21 healing fractures, severe malnourishment, a contusion to the skull and evidence that she may have drowned in fresh water.

Everton, 60, pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder.

During the three-month trial, Melonie's older half-brother Cleon Biddersingh told the jury in detail about the enslavement of his sister and the terrible treatment they endured at the hands of Everton and their stepmother, Elaine Biddersingh, after the children were brought to Canada from Jamaica in 1991.

Melonie, the jury heard, never left the family's apartment or attended school. She was locked in a small closet or a barrel, denied food, beaten and slammed against the wall, chained to the furniture and forced to sleep on cardboard on the floor.

She became so weak she could barely crawl to the bathroom.

"It is better I dead," Cleon said she told him. Dead like her younger brother Dwayne who, in 1992 at the age of 14, plummeted from the balcony of their 22nd-floor apartment.

Melonie Biddersingh, seen at age 10 or 11, holds her youngest sibling, Tafari, in Kingston, Jamaica. CONTRIBUTED

The jury did not hear about the suspicions that now swirl around his death, still officially ruled a suicide despite a re-opened investigation in 2012.

Everton's defence lawyer attempted to blame "Evil Elaine" alone for the abuse and Melonie's death, describing her as the "boss of the house" who resented having to provide for her stepchildren — in particular Melonie, whom she believed was possessed by the devil.

But the Crown argued Everton was Elaine's "enforcer," the one who delivered the beatings, and who on some occasions beat Elaine herself. Cleon testified Everton hated his daughter, rationing her food, insulting and ridiculing her and calling her a traitor after Melonie, at one point, left with Elaine to stay with Elaine's mother.

Elaine will stand trial separately later this year.

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Man charged in Brampton attack

A Milton man was charged with attempted murder after a stabbing at the Air Canada Operations Centre in Brampton Wednesday night.

Stephan Campbell, 48, has also been charged with possession of a dangerous weapon and assault with a weapon, Peel police Const. Rachel Gibbs said.

The victim, a 46-year-old Brampton man, remains in critical condition at a trauma centre.

His name has not been released.

Police said the attack occurred around 10:30 p.m. at a building on Iron Bridge Rd., near Mississauga and Hwy. 407. Officers made an arrest off-site shortly after.

A second man sustained minor injuries.

Police have not said if the suspect is an Air Canada employee. However, Const. George Tudos said anyone who has access to the building is an employee or has some business in the centre. Several employees were on-site at the time.

Peel police had placed the building under a hold-and-secure — locking all entrances except for one, allowing for access by emergency personnel — after it was confirmed that someone had been stabbed. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

IN BRIEF

Woman killed in collision

An 89-year-old woman has died after a two-vehicle collision just north of Toronto.

York Regional Police say the crash took place Wednesday evening in Markham when a Mercedes crashed into the back of a Toyota SUV.

No charges have been laid, and police continue to investigate. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pedestrian hit by train

A pedestrian is dead after being struck by a train near Danforth and Victoria Park avenues. Emergency services responded to the call at around 3:50 p.m. Thursday. The victim was pronounced dead on the scene. Toronto Police confirmed the victim was struck by an eastbound VIA Rail train.

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Mark Ernsting VIMEO

Charges upgraded in stabbing death

There was a pure motivation behind everything Mark Ernsting did — whether it was when he was digging in his garden, whipping something up in the kitchen, singing in his beloved choir at downtown Church of the Redeemer or working toward a cure for cancer.

"Everything was to make the world a better or more beautiful place," says Rob Iseman, Ernsting's husband.

Speaking for the first time since the stabbing death of 39-year-old Ernsting last month, an emotional Iseman said he cannot even begin to understand why someone would extinguish a life that was such a force for good.

"He was just so full of joy and light in every single thing he did in his life," Iseman said, through tears. "They destroyed so much beauty in the world."

Ernsting, a well-loved cancer researcher described in his obituary as "brilliant, funny and compassionate," was attacked on Dec. 15 on McGill St., while out for an evening walk in his neighbourhood near Ryerson University.

> "I miss him every single day and every minute of every day."
>
> Rob Iseman

Police have previously said the attack may have been a robbery gone wrong — and on Thursday, the charge was upgraded against the man police allege fatally stabbed Ernsting.

Calvin Michael Nimoh, 22, was initially charged with second-degree murder, but now faces first-degree murder after police uncovered new information through surveillance footage and witness accounts. Det. Paul Worden said there is now evidence of forcible confinement — which, under the Criminal Code, automatically triggers a first-degree murder charge.

He declined to comment further on the new evidence, for fear of tainting witnesses accounts, but said the attack is still considered a random "crime of opportunity."

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Singapore's Sling and New York's Manhattan can step aside. There's a new booze in town: the Toronto Wise Guy.

Thanks to George Brown student Claire Freel, Hogtown can now pride itself on having a cocktail of its own.

"All my family tasted it and liked it, so it must be good," Freel said.

So did a panel of judges — the likes of O&B co-owner Michael Bonacini, Bar Raval partner Robin Goodfellow and Corby's trade and marketing manager Ryan Powell — who know a thing or two about what it takes to make it in the biz. Freel's drink took top prize in the recent Toronto Winning Ways competition.

Organized by George Brown and the Toronto Board of Trade, the competition challenged people to create cocktails that capture the essence of what make the city "a great place to live, work and play."

For Freel, that meant drawing on Toronto's multiculturalism — and, of course, a little bit of personal preference.

"I'm a whisky girl," she said as she mixed ingredients behind the counter at The Chefs' House. "I wanted to play on the mojito flare and come up with a drink that's local, foreign, exotic and wonderful."

Claire Freel is in her last year of advanced wine and beverage business management at George Brown College. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

She tried to use as few ingredients as possible, but you'll have to wait about five minutes at the bar if you want one made right, she said. Simply put, mixing it all up is a bit complex.

The wise guy will be available at The Chefs' House near King and Sherbourne starting next week.

It will make its official debut at the Toronto Region Board of Trade's annual gala on Jan. 18.

THAT NAME

Freel was looking to make a play on the drink's use of whisky (like Wiser's) while being a bit creative.

"I hope when people hear the name, they'll be like, 'Oh, what's that?'" she said. "It's both classy, cheeky but also tricky."

LANGUAGE

French dumped from calendar

Toronto's waste-collection calendar reduced but did not reuse or recycle its French.

The 2016 calendar, distributed to every household in Toronto, is translated into seven languages, including English, but omitted Canada's other official tongue.

"The City of Toronto regrets the error," said Nicole Dufort, a city spokesperson, in an email.

The document indicates when, where and how to dispose of various kinds of waste. At the bottom of each page are six summaries in different languages.

1%

Number of city residents that speak French at home, according to T.O.'s website

In 2015, the calendar featured French, Chinese, Italian, Polish, Portuguese and Spanish, according to Gilles Marchildon, a member of the city's French Language Advisory Committee. This year, French and Polish appear to have been replaced by Tamil and Tagalog.

"This was a mistake," Dufort conceded, regarding the lack of French. "It began with the best of intentions to reach a wider audience with our messages. At the same time, there was confusion about the city's translation policy."

Dufort explained that the city's advertising policy — which requires translation into Toronto's top six spoken languages — was followed. But its policy stipulates that whenever the city translates a document into another language, it must also be translated into French. That policy wasn't followed.

French was added to the online version of the calendar and will be reinstated in 2017.

"It's mind-boggling; I don't understand how that could be forgotten," said Lianne Doucet, a French-speaking Leslieville resident. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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‘Family-friendly’ in Ottawa

POLITICS

Minister says that work-life balance is vital to her success

Like many of us, Environment and Climate Change Minister Catherine McKenna arrived at work this week with fresh New Year’s plans.

There’s greenhouse gas reduction, for one. And then there is the dreaded work-life balance. McKenna has a husband and three children — 11, 9 and 7.

She announced to staff Monday that she intends to be out of the office every day at 5:30 p.m. sharp, except Thursdays.

Once she is home, she will be offline for a couple hours, to do homework with her children, oversee lessons and sit down to dinner, together as a family.

“I am not going to be a good minister unless I’m happy at home and my family’s happy and there’s some balance,” she said over the phone.

Her new rule has it that about 8 p.m., she will again take up work duties.

“I’m very happy to work late, and you certainly work very long hours,” she says. “But it’s really important to my mental health to be able to know I can be home and check in with everyone and in that time, I’m not available.”

Work-life balance is a hot topic among new MPs and parliamentary staff, McKenna said. More to the point: they want to have their new jobs and keep their families, which for MPs is akin to wanting to have a natural Hollywood body.

Traditionally, Parliament Hill is a place men go for power and families go to die.

The long hours, the constant distraction and for most MPs, the weeks not just at work but a plane ride away in Ottawa are too much of a strain on relationships. Alison Loat and Michael MacMillan interviewed about 80 departing MPs for their book Tragedy in the Commons. “The personal cost of political life was a subject that recurred again and again in the interviews, unbidden,” they write.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau knows this intimately. He’s tasked House Leader Dominic LeBlanc with examining ways to make the House more “family-friendly for members of Parliament.”

Before Christmas, Trudeau reminded cabinet ministers it was important for them to spend their vacation time with their families, McKenna said.

“The prime minister has set the tone on this.”

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> **I am not going to be a good minister unless I’m happy at home.**
> Catherine McKenna

Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, meets with her provincial counterparts in December. Inset, McKenna spends time with her two daughters and their friends. HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

CIVIL LIBERTIES

Border agencies to change screening

The federal border agency’s new system for scrutinizing incoming passengers could open the door to profiling based on race or other personal factors, warns Privacy Commissioner Daniel Therrien. He is pressing the Canada Border Services Agency to explain the program’s rationale and build in safeguards to protect civil liberties.

Law requires airlines to provide the border agency with information about passengers that the agency has used to try to zero in on terrorists or criminals. Travellers are assessed for risk, allowing the agency to single out those with high-risk scores.

The border agency is moving to a system known as scenario-based targeting, used by the U.S., as part of Canada’s commitment to work closely with Washington. The border agency says the scheme will be more efficient, effective and accurate. The new method uses Big Data to evaluate data.

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Smokers Switch to Vaping for New Year’s Resolution

Toronto retailer of e-cigarettes and vape products hosts special ‘New Year's Resolution’ event to assist smokers making the transition to vaping. (Jan 2-16)

A larger number of smokers are looking to switch to vaping in 2016. This coincides with a Aug 2015 British study by Public Health England concluding that the current best estimate is that e-cigarettes are around 95% less harmful than smoking.

For many first time vapers picking the right device and sifting through the hundreds of options available on the market is a daunting task. Specifically for this event 180 Smoke has created all inclusive starter kits, discounted up to 30%. These bundles include everything a beginner needs to make the transition, a month worth of e-juice, extra coils, batteries and the optimal beginner devices.

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SOCIAL MEDIA

Bigwigs react to bomb with ‘Twiplomacy’

When North Korea detonated its big bomb this week, foreign ministers around the globe took to Twitter to voice their condemnation.

British Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond branded the detonation a “provocation ... which I condemn without reservation.”

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry denounced the test, which remains unconfirmed as a hydrogen bomb. “The United States and nations around the world unequivocally condemn North Korea’s latest nuclear test,” Kerry tweeted.

And Canada’s foreign affairs department posted the reaction minister Stéphane Dion warning that North Korea’s conduct poses a “grave” risk to security.

All that activity drove home a trend that has emerged in recent years — the rise of digital diplomacy.

Twitter has become the new soapbox of diplomats. It’s even given rise to a new lexicon — Twiplomats practicing Twiplomacy. Indeed, the website Twiplomacy writes that Twitter has become the “channel of choice for digital diplomacy between world leaders, governments, foreign ministries and diplomats.”

Its 2015 study found that more than two thirds of all heads of state and government have personal Twitter accounts.

“Foreign ministries around the world have embraced Twitter with a vengeance and social media is the new medium for what you would call quick time responsive reaction,” says Fen Hampson, director of the global security and politics at Waterloo’s Centre for International Governance Innovation.

In an era of the 24-hour news cycle, tweets are a quick way for a politician to get their views into the discourse, 140 characters of condemnation, praise or caution.

Diplomacy is often the art of the understatement, careful words to send a country’s message, often delivered quietly to a foreign envoy behind closed doors. Today though, that initial message or response to a crisis is just as likely to be delivered via social media. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

> **Foreign ministries around the world have embraced Twitter with a vengeance.**
> Fen Hampson

IN BRIEF

Feds extend matching donations for Syria

Photos of starving children in Syria are reminders that the human toll still needs to be addressed, the international aid minister and humanitarian agencies said Thursday in urging Canadians to continue to support relief efforts. The government will extend to Feb. 29 the deadline for people to donate and have those dollars matched by Ottawa.

About $12 million has been donated since the creation of the matching fund in September.

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Safety minister promises to review no-fly list

The public safety minister says officials have reminded airlines they don’t need to vet children against Canada’s no-fly list, after a six-year-old was stopped by airport security. Ralph Goodale says his department is exploring possible changes to regulations that would help differentiate individuals who have similar or the same names as those on the list. Goodale also indicated the no-fly regime would be examined during public consultations on security.

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Violence a year after Hebdo

PARIS

Knife-wielding man killed after threatening police officers

A man wearing a fake explosives vest and wielding a butcher knife was shot to death by police outside a Paris police station Thursday, jolting an already anxious French capital with a new dose of fear as the nation grimly marked a year of terror that started with the newsroom massacre at the Charlie Hebdo satirical magazine.

The assailant — who shouted "Allahu akbar!" or "God is great!" — as he waved the knife at officers, was carrying a document with an emblem of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) group and "an unequivocal claim of responsibility in Arabic," the prosecutor's office said.

The extremist group claimed responsibility for the Jan. 7, 2015, attack at Charlie Hebdo and on a kosher grocery store three days later that killed 17 people.

The ISIL group also claimed the Nov. 13 attacks on Paris cafes, restaurants, a sports stadium and a music hall that killed 130 people.

Thursday's attempted attack shortly before noon in Paris' multi-ethnic Goutte d'Or neighbourhood came almost one year to the minute after two Islamic extremists burst into the offices of Charlie Hebdo, killing 11 people.

Scores of police descended Thursday on the northern neighbourhood that was the site of the attempted attack.

Authorities did not publicly identify the suspect.

However, a French security official said police were "working on the hypothesis" that the assailant is a 20-year-old Moroccan who was involved in a minor 2013 robbery in the southern Var region.

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A gathering in Paris Thursday marks one year since the attacks on Charlie Hebdo satirical newspaper. **Tensions in France, under a state of emergency since a wave of attacks on Nov. 13, have been even higher this week.** FRANCOIS MORI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK

Miners rescued, all 17 OK

Seventeen miners trapped in a Lansing, N.Y., salt mine — one of the world's deepest — were rescued Thursday morning, ending a 10-hour ordeal that began when their elevator broke down 900 feet (275 metres) underground.

They were descending to the floor of the 2,300-foot-deep (700 metres) Cayuga Salt Mine — nearly deep enough to fit two Empire State Buildings stacked on top of each other — to start their shift, when the elevator malfunctioned at around 10 p.m. Wednesday, said Mark Klein, a spokesman for mine owner Cargill Inc.

Emergency workers communicated via radio with the miners, who had blankets, heat packs and other supplies lowered to them.

A crane hoisted the first four miners to the surface in a basket around 7 a.m. Another four were rescued about 30 minutes later. Seven more were brought to the surface by 8:30 a.m., Klein said. The last two were rescued a few minutes later. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A researcher takes samples of the 5,300-year-old body of the Bronze Age hunter known as Ötzi. AUGUSTIN OCHSENREITER/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

SCIENCE

Iceman's ulcers clue to Bronze Age

Poor Ötzi lived and died painfully. The 5,300-year-old "Iceman," whose frozen remains were discovered by hikers in the Italian Alps, has been diagnosed by modern-day scientists with arthritis, spinal damage, tooth decay, lactose intolerance, and a murderous arrow wound to the shoulder that lacerated an artery and killed him.

"It was for sure a tough life," said Albert Zink of the Institute for Mummies and the Iceman, at the European Academy of Bozen/Bolzano and a co-author of the paper in the journal Science this week.

Ötzi's stomach bug help fill in blank spots in the bacterial history of Europe. Because H. pylori is an incredibly successful human pathogen, researchers have used geographically distinct bacterial strains to reconstruct human migrations.

Fascinatingly, the researchers have used Ötzi's stomach bug to fill in blank spots in the bacterial history of Europe.

Ötzi's H. pylori is the oldest specimen ever sequenced — and his strain is very different than that of modern Europeans.

"It's a very cool thing to do, to get it from the Iceman," said Daniel Falush, a statistical geneticist at the U.K's Swansea University.

"They made a clear scientific finding about what he had, which is definitely new."

Ötzi's H. pylori, the researchers write in Science, is a nearly pure Asian strain, most closely related to an H. pylori strain now found primarily in India.

The scientists would like to sample pathogens from the stomachs of other ancient mummies.

"Something really dramatic has happened in the last 5,000 years in H. pylori DNA that hasn't happened in human DNA," says Falush.

For now, researchers are primarily celebrating a unique snapshot of the microbial life inside one famous — and somewhat unfortunate — mummy from ancient Europe. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

IN BRIEF

Dinos boogied for love

Scientists say they've discovered evidence of a frenzied mating ritual by dinosaurs: long grooves in the ground etched by the pawing of clawed feet. Such behaviour is seen nowadays in some birds, and the discovery suggests that two-legged, meat-eating dinosaurs called theropods did it about 100 million years ago, the researchers said. Martin Lockley of the University of Colorado Denver said the dinosaurs apparently gathered in groups and "went crazy scraping" with their clawed, feet to attract mates. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Home decor stores in Canada have a new competitor — U.S. online retailer Wayfair.

Wayfair officially launched a Canadian website Thursday morning, claiming to offer more than seven million items for the home from more than 7,000 suppliers, including a network of Canadian suppliers.

Already the biggest online-only furniture and home decor store in the U.S., the move into Canada will pit Wayfair against Ikea, Winners and HomeSense, owned by TJX Canada, and Home Outfitters, owned by Hudson's Bay Co.

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The number of orders Wayfair delivered in 2014, reaching $1.3 billion U.S. in net revenue.

Canadians are already shopping Wayfair.com, said co-founder and CEO Niraj Shah. The Canadian website will make it easier and cheaper for existing Canadian customers and increase market share, he added.

For now, orders will be shipped from consolidation centres in Kentucky and Utah. Wayfair, based in Boston, employs more than 3,000 people.

"We think there's a big opportunity in Canada. The Canadian market doesn't get serviced the same way as the U.S. market, despite the fact that so many Canadian shoppers are close to the border," said Shah.

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Stephen Poloz, governor of the Bank of Canada, prepares to deliver a speech at Ottawa City Hall Council Chambers on Thursday. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Only option is to ride out oil shock

The Bank of Canada says overcoming the economic suffering inflicted by the commodity-price shock essentially boils down to one main option: ride it out.

Stephen Poloz, the central bank governor, said Thursday that no simple policy response will fix the problem, although damaging factors like the steep slide in oil prices can be mitigated — to a point.

"The forces that have been set in motion simply must work themselves out," Poloz said in a speech at Ottawa City Hall.

"The economy's adjustment process can be difficult and painful for individuals, and there are policies that can help buffer those effects, but the adjustments must still eventually happen."

Poloz pointed to Canada's flexible exchange rate, which closely follows the ups and downs of crude prices, as one of those "minor shock absorbers" that help soften the blow for some parts of the economy.

With oil prices expected to remain low for some time, Poloz suggested the weak loonie will persist as the crude-exporting country adjusts to the new reality.

"It's not a coincidence that the Canadian dollar today is about where it was back in 2003, 2004. Oil prices are also about where they were back then," said Poloz.

> **The forces that have been set in motion simply must work themselves out.**
> Stephen Poloz

On Thursday, the loonie was trading around 71 cents U.S., about where it was in 2003. Oil prices ducked under $34 US a barrel this week and are at their lowest level since 2008. Poloz noted that crude was around $25 US per barrel in 2002.

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IN BRIEF

Panic selling grips market
Panic selling in Asia prompted by developments in China spread across the globe and threw the Toronto stock market into a tailspin, ending the day off roughly 20 per cent from its all-time high — generally considered bear market territory. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Metro POLL
Internet killed the video store?

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A unique movie-rental shop in Canada's biggest city is defying a global trend. It's continuing to grow, despite the rise of online video providers such as Netflix. Sales at Toronto's Bay Street Video jumped 10 per cent in 2015, and it was recently named one of the top 50 video stores in North America by Entertainment Weekly. The secret sauce, the store manager says, is the selection, which includes many offbeat titles that aren't found on any streaming service. We asked our readers if they gave up on home video long ago, or if their DVDs and tapes are still rolling.

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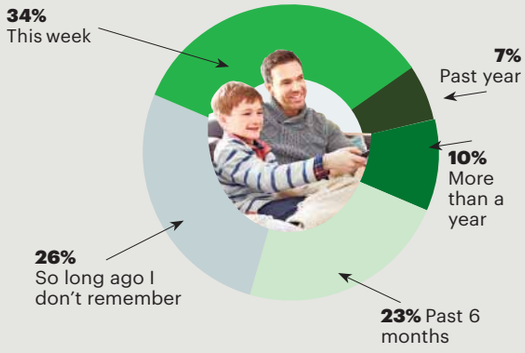

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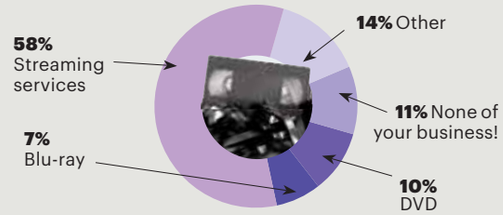

3 If you do choose to watch old-fashioned hard copy movies and TV, why?

21% Quality is better
18% Better selection
18% I like obscure movies
16% I like my TV setup/I don't know how to stream
13% I use the library
14% Other

I like VHS. You can find many classics for under a dollar. I like the bendy sound, the warped picture and the Space-Age vibe.

If it's any good, it will eventually come out on TV.

I use Netflix to preview a movie. If I like it I will buy the DVD to own and re-watch. Plus DVDs come with bonus material.

I miss visiting the video store to hunt for a movie. It's easy to stream but it isn't the same.

WE ASKED Metro readers

There is no upside to Ebola

Genna Buck
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It was a scary time.

In July 2014, for an assignment in Maclean's, I spoke to Dr. Tim Jagatic, a Canadian GP working in the field in Ebola-ravaged Sierra Leone. Exhausted and dehydrated after a long shift in hot, Michelin-Man-like protective gear, he said he was faced with a fleeting chance to do real-time science.

Normal Ebola symptoms are fever, vomiting, diarrhea, and, near the end, bleeding from the eyes, nose and rectum. Mortality is in the high double digits. It's a grisly, excruciating, humiliating way to die.

But Jagatic said with a record number of cases, some odd manifestations of the virus were being seen for the first time. It seemed to be causing some patients' blood sugar to spike. Was it attacking the pancreas? He had no idea.

"We're trying to incorporate as much clinical research as we possibly can," he said. "But that does require resources ... things we don't have."

It's obvious, yet must be said: Doing science only once an application is needed — during a full-blown outbreak — doesn't work.

That's the conclusion of an article in this week's issue of the journal Science. It decries the "thin scientific harvest" of the 2014-2015 West African Ebola outbreak and describes a "frenzied effort" to test vaccines and drugs that had never been given to humans.

It was a letdown. Some experiments had no clear results because they failed to enrol enough participants. Others did recruit enough patients, but didn't use a good study design, producing murky data. Some were halted early.

The one published clinical trial was cold comfort. In July 2015, when the worst of the epidemic was long past, the World Health Organization trumpeted "a game-changer": a vaccine that was — according to a clinical trial of 4,000 high-risk people in Guinea — apparently, tentatively, safe and 100 per cent effective.

It was VSV-EBOV, a vaccine developed by the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) in Winnipeg. Three cheers for Canadian science! Hip, hip….

Wait. The outbreak, which is expected to be declared over soon, infected 28,637 and killed 11,315, mostly in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

Meanwhile, a good vaccine was sitting in a lab somewhere. Work on it started around 2000, and by 2005 it was shown to confer strong Ebola immunity in monkeys. In jumpy, post-9/11 North America, there was a lot of funding for research on bioterrorism agents. The Canadian government licensed the vaccine to a small American drug developer, which never got around to human trials.

An Ebola bomb never materialized. An epidemic did. No one saw it coming. Before 2014, there had only been a couple of thousand Ebola cases total since the 1970s.

Dr. Heinz Feldmann, one of the creators of the vaccine, urged me not to judge PHAC too harshly. Threats like flu and tuberculosis get prioritized for a reason. When government and market interests align (not the case with Ebola), private partnerships can help fund major drug development.

Feldmann said if vaccines for rare, deadly infections (like Nipah virus, a "time bomb,") are developed at least to the stage of testing for safety in humans, trials of effectiveness can begin soon after an outbreak hits. Developing medicines that are effective against many emerging viruses is an even better way to go, he said.

That has to be publicly funded: Businesses won't invest in preparing for events that may never be. If that had been the approach in the first place, maybe we wouldn't be searching for a silver lining now.

Doing science only once an application is needed doesn't work.

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Legal déjà vu: Another battle for abortion access

Prince Edward Island: Home to Anne of Green Gables, lobster, and not one abortion.

Not one for decades, despite the Supreme Court's 1988 ruling that struck down the country's anti-abortion law.

And now, after years of fighting, activists are suing the province. It's just the latest in a long line of litigation that gave women the right to abortions and then fought for the implementation of that right. It's perhaps fitting that it has come down to a lawsuit in P.E.I.

This week Abortion Access Now P.E.I., with support of the national women's rights non-profit LEAF, gave the 90-day warning required before suing the government. The groups allege the province is infringing on women's charter rights and is in contravention of P.E.I.'s own health-care plan. Lawyers will argue the no-abortion policy unlawfully discriminates on the basis of sex and pregnancy, and that sending women out of province goes against P.E.I.'s commitment to the efficient and equitable administration of health care.

Currently, the province pays for an abortion if a P.E.I. woman travels to one of two approved out-of-province hospitals. But travel isn't covered.

There is the bridge toll to get off the island, the bus fare, often an overnight stay at a hotel, all for a short procedure, says Kim Stanton, LEAF's legal director.

The lawsuit is a last resort, Stanton said — it could take years and an estimated $100,000 to litigate. But, "You don't start one of these things unless you are willing to see it through."

Joyce Arthur, executive director of the Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada, expects a battle.

"Based on things like (the province's) own history and their long-standing policy, they're just going to be stubborn and keep fighting, no matter how weak their arguments are, no matter how weak their case is," Arthur said.

Stubbornly, too, pro-life advocates have fought access to abortion at every turn, pushing federal bills to send abortion-providing doctors to jail (in 1990) or enshrine the rights of fetuses (in 2007). We're lucky not to live in the violent days, when abortion clinics were firebombed (as in 1992), and abortion doctors were shot (as in 1994, 1995 and 1997).

But in many ways — the threat of rising fees for B.C. abortion clinics; provinces refusing to fund abortions that take place in clinics — abortion rights remain under attack. According to Arthur, only one-fifth of hospitals nationally provide abortions.

So here we are, in 2016, with a lawsuit to carry on that good fight. The latest legal battle, but surely not the last.

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Leonardo DiCaprio hides his Hollywood looks under scruff, filth and grimaces in The Revenant. CONTRIBUTED

Still searching for that Oscar

THE REVENANT

Could Leo finally win over the Academy?

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Leonardo DiCaprio makes $25 million dollars per movie. So he has money. His best friend is Tobey McGuire and his little black book reads like a Victoria's Secret catalogue, so he's never lonely. He has opulent homes on both the left and right coasts of America — one comes equipped with a vitamin C infused shower — and he even owns a 104 acre unpopulated island off the coast of Belize. He's a superstar with almost everything. Do you know what he doesn't have? An Oscar.

He's come close several times, earning nominations for his work in What's Eating Gilbert Grape, The Aviator, Blood Diamond and The Wolf of Wall Street, but he's never entered the winner circle.

He's always been gracious in defeat, smiling and nodding during the Oscar broadcast when someone else's name is called. "I wasn't surprised that Jamie got the award," he said about the 2005 Academy Awards when Jamie Foxx took best actor for Ray over The Aviator. "But I knew that cameras would be stuffed up my face so I had my response ready. Anyone who says they don't practice is a liar."

He may not have to fake being happy for another actor this year. Pundits are predicting his new movie The Revenant could bring him that elusive honour. He plays American fur trapper Hugh Glass, a frontiersman who became a legend in 1823 when he survived a brutal bear attack and slogged across harsh terrain to get revenge on the man who left him to die.

This is DiCaprio's Jeremiah Johnson, a movie that masks his matinee-idol good looks with facial hair and grimaces. For much of the two-and-a-half-hour running time he is mute, alone on screen crawling across the frozen landscape, slowly inching his way toward vengeance. There are great physical demands made on the actor — the bear-maul-o-rama being just one of the miseries he endures — but this is an internal performance. The character's strength, pain, frustration, anger and intestinal fortitude are apparent not only in his actions, but, more importantly, in his eyes. It may not be his flashiest role, but it is one of his best.

Nominations will be announced Jan. 14 so we won't know until then if he is chosen, but the odds are good. So good that Vanity Fair declared, "This is going to be the year Leonardo DiCaprio finally wins that Oscar."

Question is, why would someone who has everything want an Academy Award? What difference would it make?

The truth is it would likely make no difference to his career, at least financially. He's already in the top tier of Tinseltown salaries and the fabled "Oscar box-office bump"— a sharp spike in ticket sales when the nominations are announced — hasn't meant much in recent years.

The real win for DiCaprio would be the prestige. The best actor Oscar is a rare commodity. Only 78 people have them — Daniel Day-Lewis has three, Jack Nicholson and seven others have two apiece — and winning one would put him in the company of legends like Clark Gable, Spencer Tracy and Gary Cooper.

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

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Anomalisa	★★★★
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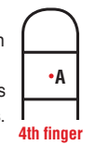

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THE TV DINNER JESSICA ALLEN

Leonardo DiCaprio, a vegetarian, insisted they use the real thing — actual, raw bison liver

The Revenant, based on a true story, stars Leonardo DiCaprio as fur trapper Hugo Glass who was attacked by a bear, left for dead in the wilderness by fellow frontiersmen and, driven by vengeance, journeys — much of it on his hands and knees — some 200 miles back to camp. Although the movie has wide release on Jan. 8, details of the arduous shoot that went well over budget have been in print for months now.

Details like how director Alejandro González Iñárritu insisted on shooting using only natural light and on filming the entire epic chronologically; how production was plagued with problems mostly on account of the extremely isolated locations — British Columbia and Alberta doubled as Montana and South Dakota in the early 1820s — not to mention the weather.

Visually, these efforts pay off. The film — all 156 minutes — has beautiful moments that won't leave you. But overall, The Revenant left me cold. It felt as though Iñárritu went to lofty lengths to call attention to his tricks: a lens fogged up by the CGI bear, whose thick saliva drips down onto a bloodied Glass' face, for example. But he fell short on giving life to his characters. Tom Hardy plays a smarmy frontiersman in such an affected manner that Simon still hasn't stopped imitating it. And Glass, the film's hero, "suffers great afflictions," as the New Yorker recently said, "but no change."

THE MOVIE: The Revenant

THE MEAL: Venison strip loin

But, oh, did Leo suffer for his art, which will undoubtedly lead to his fifth Academy Award nomination for acting. In one scene, the prosthetics team could've fashioned fake meat for DiCaprio, a vegetarian, to eat, but the 41-year-old actor insisted they use the real thing — actual, raw bison liver. Iñárritu applauded his leading man: "Without it, he may not have gotten to the truth," he said.

I'm not sure what that means but I considered it when I recently enjoyed dinner at The Bison in Calgary. As is the tendency of many fashionable restaurants, their menu is seasonal and showcases local ingredients, including duck, elk and bison, lots of bison. Not so usual, however, was to find so many fantastic bottles of wine for under $100.

I considered ordering the Pacific Ling cod. But our server — one of several people we met originally from Ontario, or "Onterrible," as she called it, who intended to visit Banff for six or so months and stayed a decade — looked at me as if to say, Really? "You're in Alberta," she said. "Have the venison."

"Haha, you're right," I replied. "Medium, please." She gave me another look. "You're going to tell me that I ought to have it medium-rare, aren't you?"

"Medium is fine," she said. "But if you asked for it well done, we'd have a problem."

When the venison arrived, darkened on the outside with a cocoa chili rub, and surrounded by potato croquette, beetroot and Saskatoon berries, Simon looked at me, concerned. I'm fine with pink, even red, but he knows I get squeamish around meat that's still gelatinous in the centre. This strip loin was so viscerally ruby that it looked like I'd just foraged it myself.

He assumed that I'd sneak over the especially rare bits to his plate. But the truth is, I finished it myself, with no suffering.

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STAR WARS

Hey, Hasbro. Where's Rey?

The Star Wars version of Monopoly will add a game piece based on the female character Rey after an eight-year-old girl wrote "Girls matter" in a letter to game maker Hasbro noting the omission.

Carrie Goldman posted a letter on Twitter this week written by her daughter, Annie Rose, asking why Hasbro left out Rey when she is a main character of the latest movie in the series, Star Wars: The Force Awakens.

Hasbro responded, saying it didn't want any spoilers, so it did not include Rey when it released the game in September. The toy maker says it will add the new piece this year.

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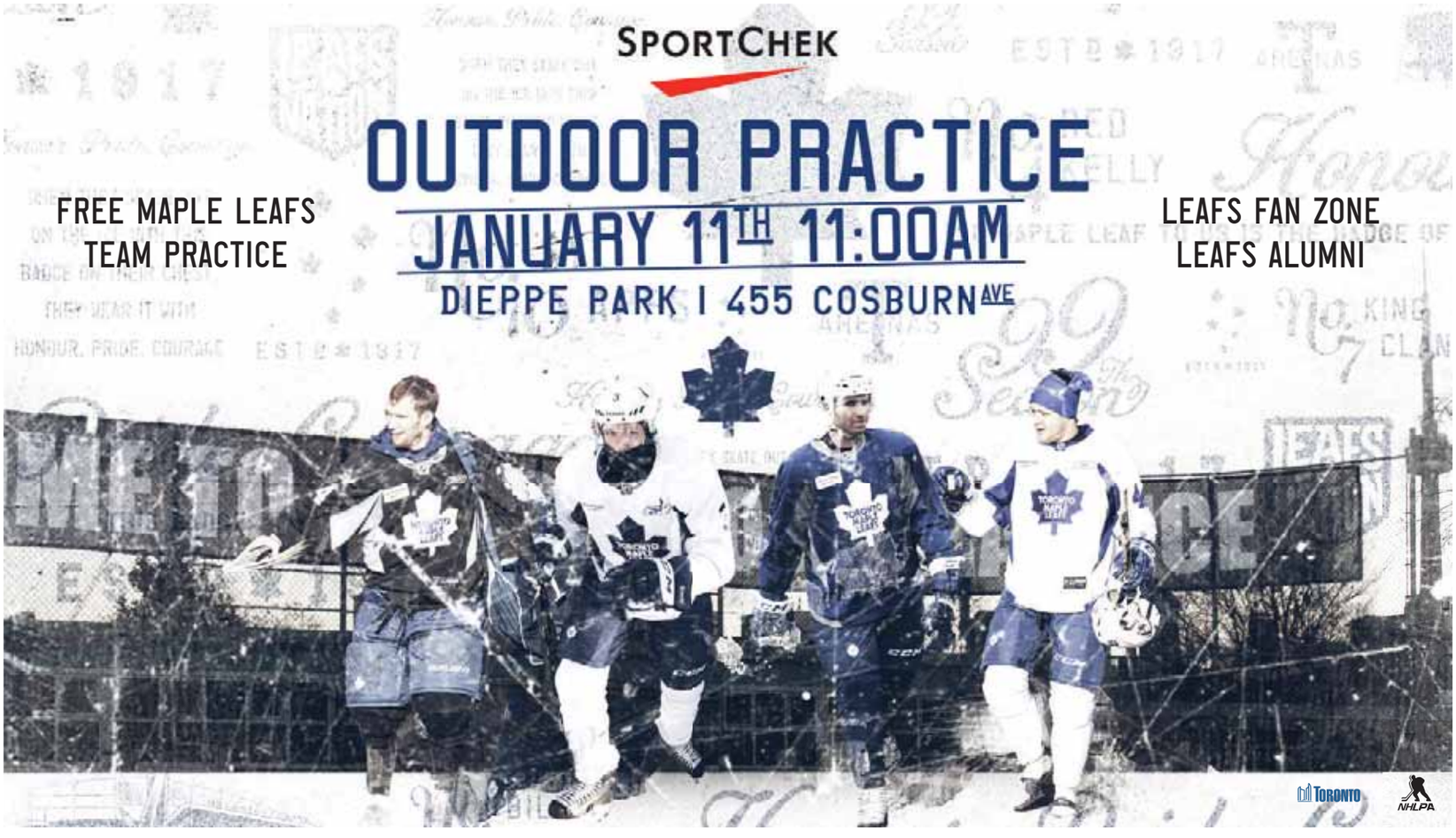

David Thewlis voices Michael, the depressed motivational speaker at the heart of Charlie Kaufman's stop-motion feature Anomalisa.
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Anomalisa puppet sex isn't a joke, creator says

DIRECTORS' TAKE

Stop-motion adds vulnerable quality, Charlie Kaufman notes

Matt Prigge
Metro | New York

Charlie Kaufman is smiling and joking. That's not the same as being upbeat. As we — along with Duke Johnson, the Being John Malkovich creator's cohort on his new film, Anomalisa — speak he'll dovetail into despairing, even hopeless commentary on the world. But he does it with a smile, even laughter, and it's slightly disarming to be joking about Guy Fieri and Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium with a guy who famously depicted a fake version of himself as a relentless downer in Adaptation.

Still, he did have to be coerced into making Anomalisa, which is only the second Kaufman script he has directed himself, after 2008's Synecdoche, New York. It's based on an old work: a 2005 play that consisted of actors speaking in darkness, with no visuals.

"I didn't want to make it as a movie," Kaufman confesses. "It was designed to be heard and not seen." But he gave in, especially once they happened upon the idea to do it entirely in stop-motion animation. But the story — following Michael, a depressed motivational speaker (voiced by David Thewlis) — was a hard sell, and he and Johnson had to do it independently, on the very cheap.

"When you're making a stop-motion animation film, the puppets are the most expensive part of the process," Johnson explains. They only had $100,000 for all their many, many puppets. By contrast, Laika, the studio behind Coraline and ParaNorman, spends $80,000 on a single puppet. They had to start shooting with less than ideal puppets.

"They broke constantly. It was very challenging getting the style of animation we wanted out of cheaper puppets."

Kaufman liked that they were fragile. "It does give it a feeling of imperfection that you don't get with computer or cel animation," he says. "There's a handmade quality to it we really liked. It makes them feel vulnerable and real."

The plot finds Michael, during a hotel stay, becoming obsessed with Lisa, a shy, ordinary woman, voiced by Jennifer Jason Leigh, who mysteriously sticks out from the pack. But every other character is designed almost — but not quite — the same, and every one of them, male or female, is voiced by Tom Noonan.

"Most people don't even know it's the same voice actor when they see the movie, because they're used to puppets having similar features. It creeps up on you and it doesn't overpower the smallness of the story," Kaufman explains.

The most attention-grabbing part of the movie is the sex scene between Michael and Lisa. Trey Parker and Matt Stone already did puppet sex, famously, in Team America. But the one in Anomalisa is not played for laughs, even as it's nearly as graphic.

"There's the expectation that it will be a joke. And it's not. People may be taken aback by that," Kaufman says.

That neither Michael and Lisa are prime specimens was key to both Kaufman and Johnson. "You don't see normal bodies in media," Johnson says. "When you do see a normal body it's like, 'Oh, am I suppose to see that?' Or it's funny, like if you see Will Ferrell naked."

"If you cast two regular-looking actors it would be all anybody would talk about: 'Oh, look at that body,'" Kaufman says. "It's just sad — it's sad to be in this culture."

"Puppets give it a feeling of imperfection that you don't get with computer or cel animation.
Charlie Kaufman says of his film Anomalisa

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Majical Cloudz: Smiling through the sadness

INTERVIEW

Emotional lyrics over bare synth land duo on 'best of' lists

One should never automatically equate the singer with the song, but the temptation to typecast Devon Welsh of Majical Cloudz as the walking embodiment of doomy, early 21st-century pop miserablism runs strong.

It's the risk you take when you habitually put yourself out there as emotionally unguarded as Welsh does over creative partner Matthew Otto's soft, subtle synthscapes — think Death Cab for Cutie recast as slow-motion electro-popsters — although there's definitely a Morrissey-esque mischievous streak running through his penetrating ruminations on love, longing and mortality that suggests a wicked sense of humour lurking behind the dour exterior.

Welsh and Otto are an enigmatic pair, in any case, and have lately turned up on year-end "best of" lists with their latest disc, Are You Alone?, released in October via Toronto indie Arts & Crafts in Canada and Matador Records south of the border.

Matthew Otto and Devon Welsh create stripped down, slow-motion electro-pop for the masses. SARAH O'DRISCOLL/CONTRIBUTED

Majical Cloudz return to Toronto for a sold-out gig at the Garrison on Jan. 15, so The Toronto Star gave Welsh a ring while he was hanging out with his father, Twin Peaks actor Kenneth Welsh, in Uxbridge over the holidays.

I'm always struck by how little you leave yourself to hide behind in your music, musically and emotionally. You and Matthew seem very intent on doing more with less.

I think that's the one thing we have as a rule, just keeping it as spare as it reasonably can be. That was sort of the inspiration behind the band at the beginning, and that's what I'm interested in just in terms of writing songs and how it sounds when it's all finished. I've just always been attracted to music that has some space in it.

Do you get tired of people assuming you're this perpetually melancholy soul?

I remember when we put out our first album people used the word "confessional," and I don't necessarily feel that way. Sometimes I'm talking about myself, but most of the time not really. And I think on this album, as well, there's a certain sense of humour to the music — there's fertile ground for humour in something that people can take really seriously.

Is it draining laying yourself so bare night after night?

In a sense, I guess. I haven't had the experience of being in another band or playing other types of music so I really don't know. But I can see anything being draining, any type of music. I feel like maybe if you were doing a big party thing where the show is just, you know, a big, wild party, I can see that being energizing but I can also see that being draining. I think anything that you're putting a lot of energy into on tour is just going to wind up draining you.

Speaking of touring, you guys went out on the road opening for Lorde in 2014. How was that experience?

It was interesting. The more time that passes, the weirder it seems to me. At the time, it just sort of made sense. "Oh, yeah, of course. That's what we're doing." And it was great. It was a cool experience, something that I would have never been able to do and will probably never do again. So for that reason, I think it was really cool. But the more time that goes by, the more I'm like: "Wow, that was such an alien universe."

She was nice and it ended up being really fun and interesting, but the goal or the ambition of getting back to those stages, getting back to a place to where we're opening for someone like Lorde or even trying to get somewhere close to that ourselves or myself as a musician, I just feel like that's not a ambition of mine anymore. If it ever was. I've done it.

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GOSSIP

Amy Schumer's boyfriend is hot

Ned Ehrbar
Metro | Hollywood

Big news! Everyone's pretend best friend — or, if you're lucky enough to be Jennifer Lawrence, your actual best friend — Amy Schumer has a new man in her life. And describing him will probably make you jealous: Schumer is reportedly dating Chicago-based custom-furniture maker Ben Hanisch, according to E! News.

So, you know, he's good with his hands and knows how to keep warm in the winter. Oh, and he's totally into being effusive about his lady, which is a definite plus. Hanisch posted a photo of him and Schumer early this week with the touching caption, "Sometimes in life you get extremely lucky, and the smartest, funniest, most beautiful woman comes along when you least expect it. Here's to what adventures 2016 brings!"

Adorable. And apparently things are serious enough that he got to tag along to the White House this week with her. Are you overcome with jealousy yet?

Schumer and boyfriend Ben Hanisch. INSTAGRAM/BENHANISCH

TV BRIEFS

5.1 million Canadians tuned in to watch Sheldon lose it

Apparently we're a nation of TV voyeurs. CTV says an average of 5.1 million viewers tuned in to watch Sheldon and Amy get it on in the Dec. 17 episode of The Big Bang Theory. The comedy about a group of nerdy friends has long been a favourite with Canadians, with a season average of 3.5 million viewers.

CTV says the episode in which Sheldon (Emmy winner Jim Parsons) and Amy (Mayim Bialik) finally consummated their relationship was the most watched Big Bang instalment since the Season 7 premiere in 2013; the third most watched in series history and the fifth most watched broadcast of a scripted show on record.

The only broadcasts that beat it in 2015, according to a news release, were Super Bowl XLIX, the International Ice Hockey Federation World Junior Championship final and the 87th Academy Awards.

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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

There is no better place to tee off in the Caribbean

Brian Kendall
For Metro Canada

While there are many great courses in the Dominican, the Teeth of the Dog, featuring seven spectacular oceanside holes, is indisputably the best, says Brian Kendall. PHOTOS BY CASA DE CAMPO

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Nicklaus's Punta Espada and Fazio's Corales, both near Punta Cana on the eastern shore, number among the world's most magnificent seaside designs. And on the remote north shore is Playa Grande Golf Course, a masterwork by the legendary Robert Trent Jones Sr. that's currently being remodelled by his son, Rees Jones.

Other standout courses include La Estancia in La Romana, Punta Blanca in Punta Cana, and Guavaberry in Juan Dolio.

But indisputably the best of them all is Dye's iconic Teeth of the Dog course at Casa de Campo Resort.

Set beside the Caribbean Sea near the bustling city of La Romana on the southeast coast, Dye's masterful layout has been a bucket-list destination for every well-travelled golfer since its launch in 1971.

Especially unforgettable are Teeth of the Dog's seven oceanside holes — including the eponymous 16th, a treacherous par three set in a rock cove roughly shaped like a dog's snapping jaws.

CASA DE CAMPO was recently voted the Dominican Republic's best golf hotel at the World Golf Awards in Portugal.

Dye calls this windswept and watery stretch "the seven holes created by God."

A hands-on perfectionist, the now 90-year-old Dye has spent half a lifetime tweaking and even massively reworking Teeth of the Dog and the resort's two other excellent courses, Dye Fore and The Links.

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A new addition to the facilities is a 4,459 square-metre golf practice area complete with driving range, a dedicated short-game zone, as well as grass mounds and depressions designed to simulate conditions on the three courses.

No wonder that Casa de Campo was recently voted the Dominican Republic's best golf hotel at the World Golf Awards in Portugal. Teeth of the Dog won, too, for best golf course in the Caribbean—but that was almost a foregone conclusion.

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Tenting trend

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Looking to shake up your travelscapes in 2016? For frequent flyers who've ticked off the tried and true, and for those looking for off-the-radar places, a new list from online booking site Cheapflights offers alternative travel destinations and stand-ins for everyone from the beach-lounger, foodie and city lover. **AFP**

1 Montreal instead of New Orleans

This one's for the traveling gourmet. While NOLA boasts a rousing reputation for its edible offerings and Southern, Creole cuisine — think beignets, seafood gumbo and po'boys — Montreal is listed as the Canadian equal for its rich and diverse dining scene. Among the city's culinary hall-of-famers? Smoked meat sandwiches from Schwartz's deli; the Pied de Cochon's insanely decadent poutine with foie gras; or Le Garde-Manger's lobster poutine. A weak Canadian dollar also makes travelling within Canada a particularly enticing right now.

2 Singapore over Dubai

Travelers with a taste for the high life may want to skip over Dubai for its Asian counterpart, Singapore. Like the glittering UAE city, Singapore also boasts soaring skyscrapers, palatial shopping malls like Gardens by the Bay, and Michelin-grade dining. So much so that the bible of fine gastronomy announced plans to publish its first Singaporean edition in 2016, the first of its kind in Southeast Asia.

3 Key West, not Maui

The island city of Key West is listed as a stand-in for Maui, with its gold sand beaches, sunsets and laid-back vibe — also a closer and more affordable destination compared to Hawaii. An idyllic itinerary? Biking through the Old Town past restored Victorian homes and cottages, eating fresh seafood by the water and eating key lime pie on weathered picnic tables.

4 Barbados over The Bahamas

While The Bahamas may be a popular port of call for cruises, travellers looking for a quieter beach vacation may want to consider Barbados. If you're looking for a generic, all-inclusive resort, The Bahamas has those aplenty. Barbados may be less developed, but offers a higher chance of soaking in the sun away from the madding crowds.

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"I've never been a part-owner of anything ... I'm still part-owner of an '84 Toyota Camry with my brother": Will Ferrell, part-owner of LAFC

IN BRIEF

Griffey goes to Hall of Fame with Mariners cap

Ken Griffey Jr. will go into the Hall of Fame with a Seattle Mariners cap and Mike Piazza will have a New York Mets hat.

The pair made their announcements at a news conference Thursday, a day after they were elected by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Ken Griffey Jr. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Griffey spent a lengthy period of his career with Cincinnati, and Piazza reached the major leagues with the Los Angeles Dodgers. Griffey will be the first Mariners player in the Hall.

Induction ceremonies will be held in Cooperstown on July 24.

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Torontonian promoted to UFC's chief financial officer

A Canadian has been named top money man at the UFC.

Nakisa Bidarian took over this week as chief financial officer of the mixed martial arts juggernaut, promoted from executive vice-president of strategy and business ventures.

The 38-year-old from Toronto joined the UFC four years ago after financial jobs in Canada, the U.S., and United Arab Emirates.

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Plight of black hockey players examined in doc

FILM

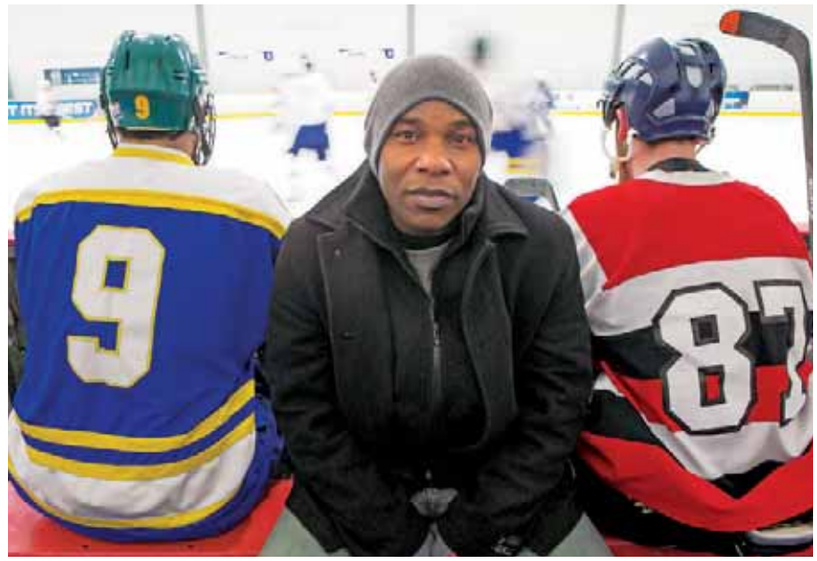
Screening of Soul on Ice a part of NHL's diversity drive

As Damon Kwame Mason's childhood love of hockey reignited in his later years, he couldn't help but notice the lack of visible role models in the NHL.

"That burning question was always in my mind: 'How come there's not a lot of black players in this league up until now?'" recalled the Toronto native, who played organized hockey for two years and grew up idolizing Montreal Canadiens legend Guy Lafleur.

In Soul on Ice: Past, Present & Future, the filmmaker explores the involvement of black athletes in hockey from the minors to the NHL. The award-winning documentary delves deeper into the legacy of players who broke racial barriers and overcame tremendous adversity to leave their mark on the game.

Damon will join NHL commissioner Gary Bettman and Capitals owner Ted Leonsis at a private screening of the film in Washington on Wednesday. Retired NHL stars Grant Fuhr, Anson Carter, Kevin Weekes and Willie O'Ree — the first black hockey player in the NHL — are among the invited guests.



Filmmaker Damon Kwame Mason is pictured at a Toronto community rink as he promotes his documentary Soul On Ice. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The event will serve as the launch for a variety of NHL activities coinciding with Black History Month in February, and continuing through March with Hockey Is For Everyone Month.

Mason was inspired to further explore the history of black hockey players after moving in 2005 to Edmonton, where he worked as a radio announcer. He befriended members of the Oilers, including now-retired Georges Laraque, with whom he co-hosted a show.

> **What example is better for our youth than to be a winner and to persevere through adversity.**
> Damon Kwame Mason

Mason learned of the Colored Hockey League of the Maritimes formed in Halifax in 1895 — 22 years before the NHL was born.

"I was floored, because at that time I was in my 30s and I thought to myself: 'If I don't know this information ... how many Canadians don't know this information? How many black Canadians don't know this information?'"

The film also turns its lens on other trailblazers like Herb Carnegie, whom Mason interviewed just over a week before his death in 2012.

Carnegie suited up for the Quebec Aces and could have been the NHL's first black player. He was invited to the New York Rangers' training camp in 1948, and was offered chances to play with the team's farm club — which he turned down because the pay was too low, citing discrimination.

Also featured are NHL players like Wayne Simmonds of the Philadelphia Flyers and Joel Ward of the San Jose Sharks. Despite increased diversity at the NHL level, neither have been immune from discriminatory acts.

Simmonds had a banana thrown at him during a preseason game in London, Ont., in 2011. And while playing for the Capitals, Joel Ward was subjected to racial slurs on Twitter after his overtime goal eliminated the Boston Bruins from the 2012 Stanley Cup playoffs.

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SHOWTIME

Toronto's Harboufront Centre will host a screening as part of Kuumba, in celebration of Black History Month, on Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Studio Theatre.

SATURDAY

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Adrian Peterson led the NFL in rushing in 2015 after missing 15 games in the 2014 season due to child abuse charges.
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'This means a lot'

NFL

Vikings' RB Peterson knows all about playoff scarcity

The Minnesota Vikings head into the playoffs looking like a team on the rise, with a second-year head coach pushing the right buttons, a 23-year-old quarterback still figuring things out and a young, fast, aggressive defence that only figures to get better.

For all those reasons, the optimism is high that Sunday's game against Seattle will be the first of many playoff appearances for the Vikings, the next step in their journey from rebuilding to competitor to contender.

Adrian Peterson knows better. The 30-year-old running back was 25 once. He remembers his first trip to the playoffs in 2009 and thinking of the chances that would follow. He has played only three playoff games since and watched his career careen into the ditch in 2015 when he missed 15 games while addressing child abuse charges.

So no matter what path the franchise appears to be on, no matter how much momentum seems to be building as the new core comes together, Peterson knows moments like Sunday are to be savoured.

"Here we are now, 2016. Here I am 30," Peterson said after practice Thursday. "I don't know how much longer I'm going to play."

"So the sense of urgency is definitely there on behalf of us. That's why we've kind of been coaching the young guys to be prepared and not take it for granted."

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Seattle already stopped Peterson once this season, holding him to 18 yards on eight carries in Week 13.

Widely considered one of the best players of his generation, Peterson saw his image and his march up the career rushing ladder take a serious hit last season when it was revealed that he whipped his four-year-old son with wooden switch. He sat out nearly the entire season, fought with the NFL over his punishment and the Vikings over his future with the team, before ultimately returning to Minnesota.

And after all that, Peterson still led the NFL in yards rushing with 1,485 and scored 11 touchdowns to help the Vikings (11-5) win the NFC North.

He did not practice on Wednesday or Thursday to rest a back injury but vowed to be ready to go for his first playoff game in four years.

"Just sitting back thinking about it, I didn't imagine it would take this long to be in the post-season (again)," Peterson said. "This means a lot."

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CFL

Argos QB takes aim south of the border

Jim Barker remains unsure if the Toronto Argonauts will have their quarterback tandem back in 2016.

Trevor Harris, who started Toronto's first 16 regular-season games while Ricky Ray recovered from off-season shoulder surgery, is scheduled to become a free agent Feb. 9. While Barker would like Harris to return, he said the former Edinboro University star has garnered attention south of the border.

"He's 29 and if he has any inclination about going to the NFL, this is his chance," Barker said via telephone from Arizona on Thursday. "So he's doing that (gauging NFL interest) like all the other (potential) free agents.

"At this point, that's where it's at."

Harris isn't alone. Barker said defensive linemen Cleyon Laing, Euclid Cummings and Tristan Okpalaugo as well as kicker Swayze Waters have caught the eyes of NFL clubs as well.

That doesn't mean Barker is waiting for the players to decide their future. He re-signed Ray on Dec. 4, more than two months before the QB was eligible for free agency.

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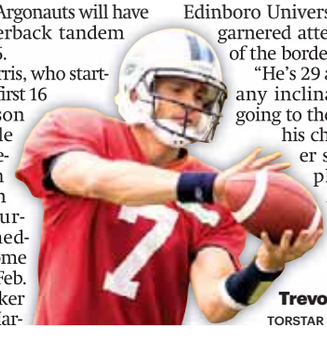

Trevor Harris
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BACK TO T.O.?

If Byron Parker is serious about coming out of retirement to rejoin the Toronto Argonauts, he might want to let Jim Barker in on it.

Barker said Thursday no one was more surprised than him with word that Parker was returning to the club after retiring in 2014.

Parker, 34, began the intrigue Jan. 1 when he tweeted, "What up!!!I'm back!".

MLS

TFC to start 2016 with 8 on the road

For the second year in a row, Toronto FC will be racking up frequent flyer miles to open the MLS season.

Thanks to stadium renovations, Toronto plays the first eight games of its 10th season away from home, starting March 6 against the New York Red Bulls. The team then visits New York, Kansas City, Colorado, New England, D.C. United, Montreal and defending champion Portland before hosting FC Dallas at BMO Field on May 7.

Six of those road destinations are teams that made the playoffs last season. At the other end of the schedule, 10 of Toronto's last 15 games are at home.

In December, MLS announced the first two games of the 2016 season for each team. It fleshed out the full schedule Thursday. Every team plays a 34-game schedule with clubs facing conference opponents either two or three times and out-of-conference teams just once.

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MLS MVP Sebastian Giovinco
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MLB

L.A. balances Maeda risk with incentives

The Dodgers opened their wallet to sign Japanese pitcher Kenta Maeda to an incentive-laden deal that could be worth $106.2 million if he stays healthy, a risk the team was willing to take despite knowing he has had elbow issues.

After the $25 million, eight-year contract was finalized Thursday, Maeda was introduced at Dodger Stadium.

Maeda and the Dodgers acknowledged that his physical revealed unspecified "irregularities." The 27-year-old right-hander said he's confident he will be able to pitch a full season in the major leagues.

Asked why the Dodgers would take such a risk, Dodgers president of baseball operations Andrew Friedman said, "Most if not all pitchers have injury risk. We just know more about it on the front end."

Kenta Maeda
GETTY IMAGES

If Maeda is on the Dodgers' opening-day roster each season and makes 32 starts and pitches 200 innings each year, he would receive the full $106.2 million. He would earn $150,000 annually for being on the 25-man opening-day active roster.

Maeda was 15-8 with a 2.09 ERA in 29 starts in 2015. In eight seasons with Hiroshima, Maeda went 97-67 with a 2.39 ERA and 1.05 WHIP. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Warriors' Green moves into ASG starter territory
Golden State's Draymond Green has moved into third place in voting for the Western Conference frontcourt, putting him in position to start in the NBA All-Star Game.

Green is about 1,300 votes ahead of San Antonio's Kawhi Leonard in the closest race for a starting spot. Kobe Bryant is the leading vote-getter with more than 1.2 million votes.

NBA MVP Stephen Curry and Oklahoma City's Russell Westbrook are the leaders at guard for the Feb. 14 game in Toronto. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Platini bows out of FIFA presidential race
Michel Platini's dream of becoming the next FIFA president is over.

Platini told The Associated Press on Thursday that he remains determined to overturn the eight-year ban he was handed by FIFA's ethics committee last month, but that the deadline for the Feb. 26 election is too short and renders his candidacy impossible. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bouchard bounced in China
Canada's Eugenie Bouchard dropped a 6-4, 6-4 decision to Hungary's Timea Babos in quarter-final play at the Shenzhen Open Thursday.

Bouchard, the No. 6 seed from Westmount, Que., is trying to regain her form after an off-year that saw her plummet more than 40 positions in the world rankings to her current No. 49.

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Serves 6

Ingredients
- 1 loaf of brioche, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 8 eggs
- 2 cups milk
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 2 tsp freshly grated lemon peel
- 1/8 tsp allspice
- 1/8 tsp cinnamon
- 1/8 tsp salt
- 2 cups fresh blueberries
- 1 tsp butter, for greasing the dish

Directions
1. Grease a 9- by 13-inch casserole dish. Slice your brioche into 1-inch cubes and place in the dish.
2. In a large mixing bowl, whisk eggs, milk, sugar, lemon zest, allspice, cinnamon and salt. Pour this mixture over the bread. Gently stir the bread cubes and egg mixture in the dish, making sure to press the bread down so it's coated in egg. Then stir in the blueberries so they are scattered throughout the dish. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight.
3. Remove the dish from the refrigerator and allow it to rest for a few minutes. Preheat the oven to 350 F.
4. Place the dish in the centre of the oven to bake to bake for 35 to 40 minutes, until the bread is lightly browned and the eggy mixture is bubbling.
5. Slice and serve with warm maple syrup or agave nectar.

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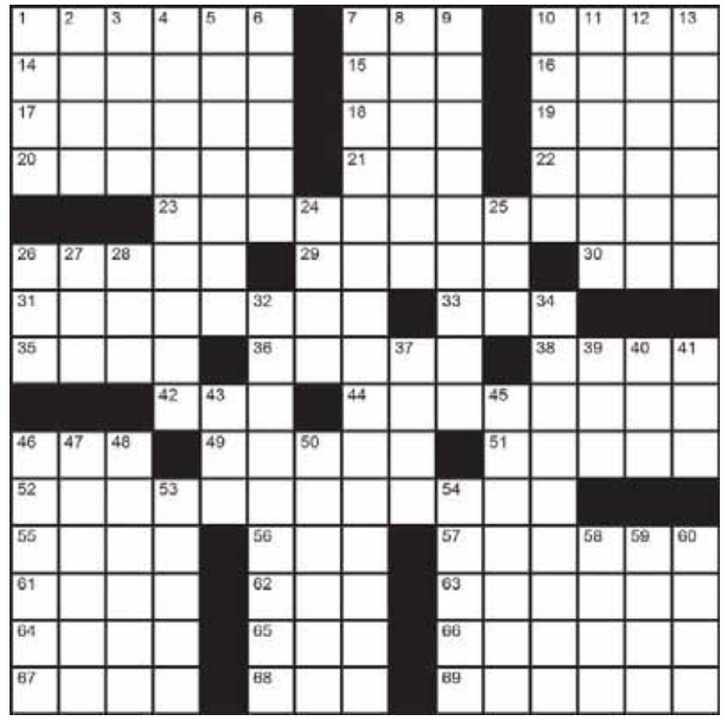
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. Crispy laundry supply
7. Prince Valiant's son
10. Songstress Suzanne
14. Cab Calloway's signature syllables
15. New
16. Bear, in Boucherville
17. President Ronald _
18. "Who am _ _ say?"
19. _-drop
20. Medieval silk fabric
21. Male mortal
22. Military cap
23. Office name/number jotter-downer: 2 wds.
26. Mythical wife scorned by Jason
29. Comics photojournalist Jimmy
30. Jessie J's "Who You _"
31. Tom Selleck's 1980s series: 2 wds.
33. Hallucinogenic letters
35. "Now!"
36. James _ (Canadian violin virtuoso)
38. Alias acronyms
42. Manfred Mann hit: "_ La La"
44. _-_ oats (Breakfast serving)
46. Whiz
49. TSN's "That's Hockey _" (NOTE: Answer has a number in it!)
51. Eyries
52. Users of this invention by Hamilton businessman Ron Foxcroft include pro sports associations and coast guards: word + number + word
55. Edith Bunker's daughter, to pals
56. Coop dweller
57. Highway crews, at times
61. Love antonym
62. 'Brain' suffix
63. 2002 Atom Egoyan film
64. Sarah McLachlan song
65. Edmonton transport service [acronym]
66. Western Ontario township on Agimak Lake
67. Chemist's table salt
68. Mr. Asner's
69. Scotland's famous Loch, and others

DOWN
1. Stock units [abbr.]
2. __ knot
3. Singer Mr. Lambert
4. Some military units
5. Le _ (Montreal-founded fashion chain)
6. Perfects
7. Wild feelings: 2 wds.
8. Labels anew
9. You and only you: 3 wds.
10. Smirnoff product
11. Discoverer's exclamation!
12. Bellyacher
13. Aim
24. Student, e.g.
25. Heavy wts.
26. _&_'_ (Chocolate treats)
27. Deplete
28. US filmmakers org.
32. When that was happening...
34. Roy Rogers' wife who wrote the Western tune "Happy Trails": 2 wds.
37. French 'winters' opposite
39. The Sunshine Band singer's
40. Latin for 'or'
41. Toronto's Dundas, et al.
43. "Halloween _ _: Twenty Years Later" (1998)
45. Magnify
46. Blanket type
47. "Escape (The Pina _ Song)"
48. Strikingly unique
50. Gossiper's info starter...: 2 wds.
53. Avril Lavigne song: number + word
54. American rapper, _-_
58. Periods
59. Rush
60. Jeanne d'Arc, et al.

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
If something from your past catches up with you don't ignore it. This is a wonderful opportunity to make amends for something you did that you have always regretted. A simple "sorry" will most likely be enough.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
A couple things are going wrong — thanks to retrograde Mercury. Watch out where joint money matters are concerned, don't trust others more than you have to.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Your luck will change for the better but you need to look ahead and make plans. You also need to believe that you deserve it when good things come your way.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Don't start making claims and accusations that can't be backed up by facts. The planets warn you need to be extra careful.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Jupiter turns retrograde today so there's a real danger you'll go over the top. Careful that you don't waste all the good work you've done over the past few weeks, especially where your cashflow is concerned.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Not only are others being demanding but they also believe that you owe them whatever it is they desire. That's nonsense. If anything they owe you for being so easy-going and forgiving. Toughen up!

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
There is no need to push yourself, even though others may be urging you to do so. The planets say take it easy. You're entitled to some down time now and again.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
If you take a risk then try to make it one where, if you lose, it won't cost you an arm and a leg. Jupiter, planet of excess, is beginning one of its retrograde phases, so Lady Luck is unlikely to be on your side.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Most of your worries have no basis in reality, so stop thinking that the world is out to get you and get out into the world. Your thoughts create your reality. As you think, so you are.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You may be tough but you are not invincible and you need to keep that in mind. With Jupiter, planet of luck, turning retrograde you may find that your path isn't as easy as it has been.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You seem to be anxious about something that just a short while ago you would not have wasted a moment's time on. Overrule your anxiety as good things will be coming your way.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
If you allow yourself to get angry today you will probably say things you regret. Both in your personal life and in your work you must think before you speak. Engage your brain before you open your mouth.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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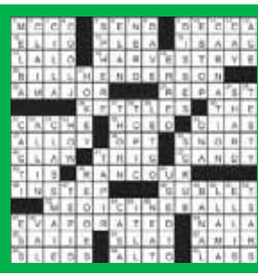

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